

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 6:00pm

TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING

845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARIZED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

MAYOR GREG BRYAN

VICE MAYOR CRAIG SANDERSON

COUNCILMEMBER BILL FITZGERALD

COUNCILMEMBER AL MONTOYA

COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER – excused

Also present were:

Will Wright, Town Manager

Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

Mayor Bryan moved to Item 8.E.

Tim Stine gave a brief report on maintenance projects for the town and discussed standard maintenance and landscaping. Mayor Bryan complimented the maintenance crew for the cleanliness and look of the Town this year.

4. CEREMONIAL AND/OR INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

A. Mayoral Proclamation of April 2015 as Fair Housing Month

Mayor Bryan read the proclamation and declared April 2015 as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Tusayan.

B. Mayoral Proclamation of May 1, 2015 as Bob Blasi and Kaibab National Forest Tusayan Ranger District Appreciation Day

Mayor Bryan requested Bob Blasi and James Simino to stand. He then read the proclamation and declared May 1, 2015 as Bob Blasi and Kaibab National Forest Tusayan Ranger District Appreciation Day. Mr. Blasi stated that the entire crew and community came together to make this happen.

C. Presentation from Pam Edwards with the National Park Service regarding the shuttle bus service

Pam Edwards gave a brief overview of the status of the shuttle bus service in Grand Canyon National Park and from Tusayan to the Park. She stated that the service from Tusayan will run May 23-September 25, 2015. She also stated that the number of visitors to the Park is up by 10% so far this year.

Mayor Bryan stated that the Council would like to discuss lengthening the season in Tusayan and would like to schedule a meeting to discuss costs.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Town Council Municipal Code Workshop and Regular Meeting on 4/1/15

B. Accounts Payable Billings

Councilmember Montoya made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

6. WORKGROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Update on the Sports Complex Work Group

Manager Wright stated that there has been no meeting of the group but that work continues on the restroom installation project. He stated that the lead time on the restroom building order is 3-4 months.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked about the dirt work slated for the complex. Manager Wright stated that Woodson Engineering is working on developing a request for bid.

B. Update from the Planning and Zoning Commission

Manager Wright stated that the Commission meets on April 28, 2015 to consider a design review and the latest version of the subdivision regulations.

C. Update on Affordable Housing

Manager Wright stated that the next meeting to gather public input is tomorrow, April 23, 2015.

Mayor Bryan invited the public to attend the meeting and be part of the process.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution No. 2015-03 opposing the creation of the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument

Manager Wright introduced the Resolution and stated that many in the community have expressed opposition to the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument.

Mayor Bryan stated that he believes that local input should be considered before enactment and that declaration of the Monument should not proceed by executive order. He also stated that a representative of the Grand Canyon Wildlands Council had contacted him and requested that the Town Council postpone a decision until he could address the Town Council on the topic. Mayor Bryan stated that Kelly Burke, Executive Director of the Wildlands Council had already addresses the Town Council.

Councilmember Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-03, opposing the creation of the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument. Councilmember Fitzgerald seconded the motion.

Councilmember Montoya and Vice Mayor Sanderson spoke against the proposed monument due to potential restrictions which could impact the community.

Councilmember Fitzgerald spoke about his conversation with Kelly Burke from the Wildlands Council and stated that it appears this group is trying to make an end run to proceed with their agenda. He stated that the ramifications are unknown and could negatively impact the Town.

Mayor Bryan spoke in opposition to the proposed monument due to possible negative impacts and funding shortfalls for existing federal lands.

The motion passed on unanimous vote.

B. Consideration, discussion, and possible ratification of the Tusayan Fire District's (TFD) Wildland Fire Fuels Reduction Grant Application

Manager Wright stated that Tusayan Fire Chief Robbie Evans asked the Town for support of this grant application and in-kind funding which will benefit the Town.

Mayor Bryan made a motion to ratify the (TFD) Wildland Fire Fuels Reduction Grant Application and provide the required funding. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

C. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a proposal from Woodson Engineering for Professional Services for a Tusayan Initial Engineering Assessment and Hydrologic Analysis

Manager Wright stated that this proposal arose from a meeting with Coconino County and would make the town eligible to participate in a County flood control program and may allow the town to receive funding to make drainage improvements.

Clarinda Vail asked about a previous drainage and flood study. Mayor Bryan stated that this new study would consolidate several historical studies. Ms. Vail also asked if the study would encompass all boundaries of the town. Manager Wright stated that the intent is to include most of the drainages upstream. Mayor Bryan stated that stakeholders will be asked for input.

Ms. Vail also stated that if the Subdivision Regulations are to be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 28, 2015, it is less than a week away and there is not enough time to review them.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if Woodson will have the capacity to handle this project. Manager Wright stated that they are working on several town projects and that he is working with them to prioritize them.

Mayor Bryan stated that on Page 2 of the proposal, "Town Meetings" should include stakeholders.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated that the Town should conduct an additional aerial survey to fill in the gaps in the new aerial map.

Councilmember Montoya made a motion to approve the proposal from Woodson Engineering for Professional Services for a Tusayan Initial Engineering Assessment and Hydrologic Analysis. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked about hydrologic modeling on page 2-4 of the County document. Manager Wright stated that Woodson included a task in the proposal to perform a hydrologic analysis.

The motion passed on unanimous vote.

D. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval for Town Attorneys (Sims Murray) to proceed with research and possible establishment of Tusayan Housing Authority

Manager Wright noted a letter in the agenda packet from the Town Attorney, Bill Sims, covering his firm's experience in this area.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated that it is too early to establish a housing authority. Mayor Bryan stated that the task for the Town Attorneys would be to proceed with research on what needs to be done to achieve the Town's goals around affordable housing. Vice Mayor Sanderson echoed Mayor Bryan's comments.

Mayor Bryan made a motion to approve the Town Attorneys proceeding with research on a medium to allow the Town to sell and rent property on the Town's 20 acre parcel at Kotzin Ranch. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

E. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of IGA between the Town and the Tusayan Sanitary District regarding Utility Mapping

Manager Wright stated that in discussions with Bob Petzoldt of the Sanitary District regarding utility mapping, Mr. Petzoldt requested the IGA to ensure reciprocal data sharing. Manager Wright stated that the Town Attorney has reviewed the agreement and stated that it is legal.

Councilmember Montoya and Mayor Bryan asked what the need is and why there is no trust.

Pete Shearer spoke on behalf of the Sanitary District and stated that Woodson Engineering had requested the IGA, not the Sanitary District. He stated that they saw no need for the agreement.

The council took no action.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of preliminary budget for 2015-16

Manager Wright stated that the requested changes to the budget from the previous meeting have been made. He asked the Council to let him know if there are additional changes. Mayor Bryan stated that it seems to be more likely that there will be reimbursement from the federal government for the shut down which occurred in 2013.

Mayor Bryan stated that he had requested input with the Tusayan Fire District in the hiring of a new Fire Chief, similar to the way the Town allowed public input for the hiring of the Town Manager.

B. Update on Phase 1 of land planning of Town's first parcel

Manager Wright stated that the next meeting is tomorrow, April 23, 2015.

C. Update on the status of STS' progress on planning broadband improvements in Tusayan

Manager Wright stated that the Grand Canyon School District has expressed interest in joining with the Town to improve this service. He also stated that Bill Bolin with STS has identified a grant for which the Town may qualify.

D. Discussion of possible snowplay areas in Tusayan

There was no information on this topic so it was not discussed.

E. Discussion of status of Town Landscaping and Maintenance

Moved to earlier in the meeting

9. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Wright noted the following from his report which was in the packet:

- Landscape and irrigation work is in progress in Town to prepare for the tourist season
- Work on audio streaming of meetings is progressing
- The International Dark Skies Association has given us feedback on our current lighting codes and the Town Planner is working on incorporating those changes into the new code

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 5/6/15 – Discussion of completing aerial mapping of the town

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated that there was a retirement party for Pete Shearer last week.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryan stated that he met with Senator McCain at a stakeholder meeting (regarding the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument) held by the Arizona Fish and Game Department in Tusayan. He spoke to Mr. McCain about several topics.

Mayor Bryan also went to Washington D.C. last week for the American Hotel Lodging Association Summit and was able to meet with Senators McCain and Flake and Representative Gosar regarding several topics:



- reimbursement of funds expended by the Town for the Grand Canyon National Park shut down of 2013 and the status of bills trying to develop plans to handle future possible shut downs
- the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument
- fire and flooding threats in Arizona
- uranium mining
- issues with the appointed NLRB

Mayor Bryan also met with the Chief of Staff of Representative Kirkpatrick about including locals in meetings regarding the proposed national monument.

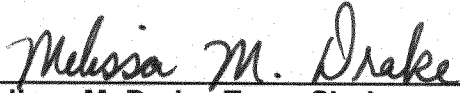
Senator Mitch McConnell spoke to the attendees about changes in the Senate.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Montoya made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.


Greg Bryan, Mayor Date 05-06-15

Craig Sanderson, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

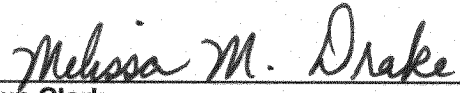

Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

State of Arizona)
) ss.
Coconino County)

I, Melissa M. Drake, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Tusayan, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above minutes are a true and correct summary of the meeting of the Council of the Town of Tusayan held on April 22, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 29th day of April, 2015


Town Clerk